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**To:** Friis, John  
**Subject:** TESTIMONY RAISED BILL 1142 SECTION 4 & 5 OPPOSED

To the Education Committee,

I am opposed to Raised bill 1142 Section 4 and 5. This bill suggests shifting the burden of proof on parents during a due process hearing that was requested by them, which is a subtle attempt for the state to defer legal costs onto parents and deny many children with disabilities the right for free appropriate public education. This bill goes against the fundamental principles of IDEA. In addition, students should be allowed to finish the school year in which they have turned 21 so as to allow them continuous services. This law suggests the equivalent of having a typical high school senior leave mid-year because they turned 18 and denies them access to graduating. I am opposed to sections 4 and 5 of this bill.

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